

The C A S E of
EDWARD CLAVILL Esq; duly elected
(altho not returned) one of the Burgesses to
serve in this present Parliament for the Borough
of *Corfe-Castle* in the County of *Dorset*.

IN the Borough of *Corfe-Castle*, by antient Custom, the Electors for Burgesses of Parliament are all Inhabitants that pay Scot and Lot, and all that have any Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold, or Leasehold, determinable upon Life or Lives.

At the last Election there were four Candidates, viz. *William Culliford*, *Edward Clavill*, *Richard Founds*, and *John Banks* Esquires; and there were given Eighty five Votes for Mr. *Culliford*, Sixty three for Mr. *Clavill*, Fifty two for Mr. *Founds*, and Seventy (*talia qualia*) for Mr. *Banks*.

In this Borough are fourteen Tenements, which were granted by Leases for Lives to so many several Tenants, and they according to Custom and Right voted at the Election. Notwithstanding which, Mr. *Dackcomb*, who had granted these Leases, did a little before the Election, convey the Reversion to fourteen several other Persons, on purpose to vote for Mr. *Banks*, and were admitted by the Mayor. When the Words of the Act *Septimo & Octavo Gulielmi Tertii*, for further regulating Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, are as followeth. " That all Conveyances
" of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments,
" in any County, City, Borough, Town Corporate, Port,
" or Place, in order to multiply Voices, or to split and di-
" vide the Interest in any Houses or Lands amongst several
" Persons, to enable them to vote at Elections of Members
" to serve in Parliament, are hereby declared void, and of
" none effect; [and that no more than one single
Voice shall be admitted for one and the same
house or Tenement.]

In this Borough likewise are some Lands given to the Poor of the Parish of *Wimbourn*, which are under the Management of several Trustees, five of which were admitted to vote for Mr. *Banks*.

Besides these nineteen Voters, divers others, who had no Right in this Election, were brought to vote for Mr. *Banks*, who having the Mayor in his Interest, is returned instead of Mr. *Clavill*, who had the Majority of legal Votes.

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The CASE of
Mr. *Edward Clavill*
For the Borough of
Corfe-Castle.